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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Richard "Butch" Dobbs of Joliet, who passed away on November 22, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Dobbs graduated from Joliet Township High School (JTHS) in 1955, where he was a multi-sport athlete; he attended Colorado University his freshman year on a football scholarship; he left Boulder for the United States Marine Corps and then returned to Joliet Junior College to resume his education; he attended Illinois State University and completed his Bachelor of Arts in Education and his Master of Science in Counseling and Guidance; 5 years later, he moved his family to Bloomington, Indiana, where he received a doctorate degree in counseling psychology from Indiana University; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Dobbs spent his career working as a psychologist; he was in private practice for over 25 years and then returned to JTHS as a guidance counselor for 10 years before retiring; he demonstrated commitment to his community through countless volunteer services and particularly enjoyed coaching youth sports; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Dobbs was a voracious reader and one of his favorite places was the Joliet Public Library; he was

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1 recognized by Crisis Line for his years as a trainer and was
2 also a long-standing member of the JTHS Archives committee; he
3 was an active participant and beloved member of the Sacred
4 Heart Church family; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Dobbs is survived by his wife of 56 years,
6 Annette (DiLorenzo), and his children, Doug, Barb, Cathy (Ben
7 Whitlock), and Michael (Jennifer Grisham-Dobbs); he was "Papa"
8 to Carly, Katharine, Daniel, Emilie, Noah, Simone, and Beckett;
9 he is also survived by his sister, Judy (late Stan) Waznis; his
10 brother, Jack (Lois) Dobbs; his niece; his 4 nephews; and his
11 special godson, Tristan McKinnis; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Richard "Butch" Dobbs, and extend our sincere condolences to
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Richard Dobbs as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.